ports. In addition, private sector investment to the tune of Rs. 11257 crore is also envisaged for development of major ports during the Tenth Plan period. The schemes for development of the major ports include deepening of channels to facilitate berthing of large size vessels, construction of new berths, upgradation/expansion of existing berths, modernization of cargo handling equipments through fresh procurement as also upgradation/ replacement of existing equipments, improvement in storage capacities, upgradation of internal circulation systems for smooth cargo movement within the port area, improved rail and road connectivity to hinterland, etc.

(d) Does not arise.

Road improvement work in Punjab

3213. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA. Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of National Highways in Punjab where the work regarding widening, extension and repair of the roads are in progress as on date and where work is likely to be started in near future;

(b) the status report in each case;

(c) by when the work is likely to be completed;

(d) whether Government propose to reconstruct some old over-bridges on National Highways passing through Punjab; and

(e) if so, the details of such over-bridges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI.K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) to (c) Repairs and development of National Highways is a continuous process and works are taken up for execution depending upon the inter-se priorities of the works and availability of resources. However, status report of sanctioned works on various national Highways along with works likely to be started and to be completed is enclosed as statement (See below).

(d) and (e) Reconstruction of old over bridges in Punjab may be undertaken, if required, by National Highways Authority of India as a part of four laning works entrusted to them.

Statement

Improvement work in Punjab Road

NH No.	No. of sanctioned works		Sanctioned amount (Rs. in lakhs)		No. of works in progress as on date		No. of works yet to be awarded		No. of works likely to be completed			
	NH(0)	M&R	NH(O)	M&R	NH(O)	M&R	NH(0)	M&R	During 2005-06		During 2006-07	
									NH(O)	M&R	NH(O)	M&R
1	—	1	—	199	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—
10	3	—	1131	—	3	—	—	—	2	—	1	—
15	5	3	1513	319	5	2	—	1	4	3	1	—
20	1	—	116	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—
21	1	—	212	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
22	—	1	—	164	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—
64	4	2	930	188	2	2	2	—	3	2	1	—
70	2	—	458	—	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	—
71	3	1	976	55	2	1	1	—	2	1	1	—
95	2	2	1032	159	2	1	—	—	2	2	—	—